

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 1, 2011:

- Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information.
(City Clerk)

City Council Recess: The City Council will be on recess until Tuesday, September 6. (City Clerk)

National Night Out: Don't forget about the Police Department's annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Piney Branch Elementary School (7510 Maple Avenue)! Please visit <http://takomaparkpoliceenno.weebly.com/> for complete details and check back regularly for any new information under the "Event Updates" tab. (Police)

Flower Avenue Green Street Project Meeting: A kick-off meeting for the Flower Avenue Green Street project is Wednesday, August 3 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the lobby of Wilkinson Hall, at the corner of Flower Avenue and Division Street. The goal of the project is to improve Flower Avenue from Piney Branch Road to Carroll Avenue by adding a sidewalk on the east side of the road, installing low-impact stormwater facilities (such as rain gardens) along the road, repaving the road surface, and improving crosswalks, bus stops and street lighting. At the meeting, from 7 to 7:30 pm, attendees can look over maps, see photos of model "green streets," sign up for email updates, and talk to staff. At 7:30 pm, there will be a presentation giving an overview of the project. All are welcome! For more information, contact Suzanne Ludlow at SuzanneL@takomagov.org or 301-891-7229. (Deputy City Manager)

Additional Solar Panels Planned For the Community Center and Public Works Facility: On Monday, July 25, the City Council approved a contract with Solar Solution for the installation of a 90kW solar panel system. Solar panels will be placed on the Library roof, Computer Learning Center and Community Center as well as on the new Public Works facility. The project is expected to be completed before the end of the year. This project is being done as a power purchase agreement whereby the City agrees to purchase the power produced by the panels for a 20 year period and all costs for installation and maintenance of the system are covered by the installer. The first year charge for power provided by the solar panels will be 11 cents per kW, 30% less than the 16 cents per kW the City currently pays for electricity. (Public Works)

Tonight! A Natural History of My Husband's Cars: "We are Takoma" returns tonight, Friday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. with the world premier performance of "A Natural History of My Husband's Cars." From the '61 Mercury Station Wagon to the '72 Oldsmobile to the '90 Plymouth Laser, take a ride through one man's automotive life and times. A multi-media performance not to be missed. Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. Free event. Donations are welcome! <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=233100133387037> (Housing and Community Development)

This Saturday - "Music Makes a Difference" Concert: "We are Takoma" continues on Saturday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. with a night full of Irish, Scottish, Quebequois and American Folk music! A free event but donations welcome and will be used for research on skin cancer treatment and prevention. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=194101033977433> (Housing and Community Development)

Emergency Mortgage Assistance: If you have lost income due to involuntary unemployment or medical problems, the State Of Maryland has a program that could help save your home from foreclosure. Applications must be submitted by mid-September. On Monday, August 8, from 3 to 8 p.m., learn more about the program at the Silver Spring Civic Center, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, Md. To register call 410-514-7324. (Housing and Community Development)

Third Thursday Poetry Reading Series - Call for Submissions: The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission's popular "third thursday" poetry series, hosted by Martin FitzPatrick, begins its sixth season this fall. As in the past, the series will feature some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and

in the region. To be considered as a featured poet in the 2011-2012 series, please submit 3 to 5 of your poems to SaraD@takomagov.org by Monday, August 15, 2011. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Commercial Design Guidelines adopted! (Ward 1 & 3): The Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings prepared by the City's Facade Advisory Board has been adopted by the City Council. The Guidelines are intended to communicate and illustrate preservation and historic compatibility concepts for the design of new and existing buildings. The document also outlines the Historic Area Work Permit process, other permit requirements and available resources for business, property owners, and design professionals. A copy of the Guidelines can be downloaded from http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/facade_grant.html. For more information about the Facade Advisory Board or the Design Guidelines, contact Carman Lam at (301) 891-7219, or CarmanL@takomagov.org *(Housing & Community Development)*

Homestead Tax Credit: If your home in the State of Maryland is your primary residence, you are eligible to receive a yearly tax credit. Check your latest tax bill to see if you are receiving it. This Homestead tax credit can have a significant impact on your real estate taxes regardless of your property's value or your income level. The application is online at http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/Homestead_application.pdf or can be obtained by calling 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Tiny Tykes Basketball Skills - Location Change for Saturday, July 30: The Tiny Tykes Basketball Skills class will be held indoors at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave. Takoma Park Md.) Class will still run from 11am - 12 noon. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7284. *(Recreation)*

Super Sports Camp - Big Kids Rock: This past week campers' ages 10-12 participated in the Super Sports Camp. Each camper had a great time and was able to compete in games such as: floor hockey, basketball, flag football, kickball, soccer and T-ball. All participants went on field trips to the Martin Luther King swimming pool and to Wolf Trap Park. *(Recreation)*

T-Ball - Games will Resume this Saturday: All games will resume this Saturday, July 30. Games will be held at Lee Jordan Field and Belle Ziegler Park. Parents please remember to bring a water bottle for your child. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7284. *(Recreation)*

Y.E.S. League - It's Playoff Time!: What an AMAZING summer of basketball this has been in both the Middle School and High School Divisions. Both wrapped up their regular season play this past week and are in full throttle headed into playoff week. Middle school playoffs will begin on Tuesday, August 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and the High School division will start on Thursday, August 4 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. All playoff games will be held at Piney Branch gym. *(Recreation)*

Square Dancing Seniors: Square Dancers (beginners and intermediate) continue to go in circles and kick up their heels through the summer. Classes take place on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Azalea Room, July 21 through August 25. *(Recreation)*

Teens head to the Mystics Game: Fifteen tickets to the Washington Mystics game were donated to the Takoma Park Teens. The game will take place on Friday, July 29th at 7:00pm at the Verizon Center. Teens will be transported to the game by Recreation staff from the Takoma Park Community and Recreation Center. *(Recreation)*

Teen Tuesdays!: Every Tuesday beginning July 26 - August 16th, teens between the ages of 13 -17 will explore a different field trip adventure. The activities planned for Teen Tuesdays were venues suggested by the teens. On Tuesday, July 26, Teens enjoyed an afternoon of bowling in College Park. Next Tuesday the teens will head to Shadowland Laser Adventures in Columbia. Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis. For more information or to register contact Faye Wright @ 301 891-7283 Fayew@takomagov.org, *(Recreation)*

Camp Recess Week #5 Continues to Get Out and Play!!: The 5th week of Camp Recess was an unconditional triumph and enjoyable time for everyone. Some of the highlights of the second week were, the campers playing a new game called Silent Speed Ball. They also went swimming, played indoor games, participated in an innovative arts and crafts project presented by the Takoma Park Library and the Friends of Takoma Park Library led by Karen MacPherson. The campers were able to complete two projects... they made notebook covers and monster pencils. A special treat for our week ending cookout was that it was sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club. A special thanks to them. Stay tuned for more excitement and fun. *(Recreation)*

Mystery and Magic Abound: Week five of Camp Takoma was a magical one. Campers made life size magical people with Ms. Rain on Monday. Tuesday the future magicians went on a wand hunt to find their very own magical wand, decorate it, and made edible wands from pretzel sticks. Shazam the magician wowed campers with amazing tricks and taught participants a few to try at home. MLK Outdoor Pool was the place to be on Wednesday. Thursday, campers ventured out to Wolf Trap Theater to see a performance by Monumental Brass where they not only got to hear great music but also learned how musical instruments work. Friday, campers made tie dye hats and practiced some of the magic tricks they learned throughout the week. *(Recreation)*

Ready, Action Video Producer Camp was a Huge Success!: Campers learned what goes into producing a video from behind the scenes. Instruction included learning about pre-production, understanding the equipment, choosing a story line and creating a script and a shot list. As a final project, camp participants worked on a promotional video for the Recreation Department Summer Camps program. Production on the video began on Tuesday as participants filmed various aspects of camp. Post production began on Thursday as campers organized their shots, and applied video editing techniques and special effects. To round out the week campers will critique their work and share their video creation with other Takoma Park Recreation Department camps and their parents. *(Recreation)*

Officers in Meetings:

- On July 27, Chief Ricucci attended the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission (CJCC) meeting.
 - On July 29, Chief Ricucci will be meeting with Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) Security.
- (Police)*

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (July 22-28, 2011) may be viewed online at: http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/07/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_28.html.
(Police)

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 135 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, seven vehicle impounds, three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and one warrant service from traffic.

During July 22-28, 2011, the following details were completed:

July 22, 2011

- Park Avenue & Spruce Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

July 23, 2011

- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citations and one warning.

July 24, 2011

- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

July 25, 2011

- Park Avenue at Spruce Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- East West Highway at Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and four warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader-suspensions) - conducted a four-hour detail and issued four State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.

July 26, 2011

- Prince George's Avenue at Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations for speed, one other State citation and two warnings.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader-suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued four State citations.

July 27, 2011

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations for speed and one other State citation.
- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader-suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 10 State citations.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

July 28, 2011

- East West Highway & Kentland Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- (Police)

Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) Week ending 7/30/11:

Calls for service: 4

State Citations issued: 49

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 5

Warnings: 3

City tickets: 1

Reports: 5

(Police)